

**MINUTES
CITY OF BREMEN, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2011**

Meeting Location: Public Safety Complex, 516 Tallapoosa Street

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell
W.O. (Sonny) Parrish
Council Member Jane Wilson
Council Member Bill Hightower
Council Member Kyle Shepherd

**6:00 P.M.
Work Session
Mayor & Council Members
Department Heads**

City Council Informal Session

Informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, Department Heads and City Attorney. No action taken during work session. The discussed items are listed below.

- \$ Agenda Items
- \$ Department Head Updates
- \$ Florida/Fern Project
- \$ Planning & Zoning Board Member Appointment
- \$ Library Bid Openings

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

**7:00 P.M.
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members**

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Session

- Agenda:*
1. *Call to Order*
 2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
 3. *Invocation*
 4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
 5. *Approval of Minutes from the September 19, 2011 Regular Meeting*
 6. *Dr. Keith Hebert – Smithsonian New Hamonies Exhibit*
 7. *Eric Robinson – Hwy 27 Association (Tourism)*
 8. *License Fee Ordinance – Occupational Tax Fees for Insurance Companies*
 9. *Department of Revenue Partnership – Sales Tax*
 10. *Open to the Public*
 11. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Agenda Changes

Mayor Sewell stated that we need to add item #5a to the agenda for council to vote on some time schedules for the Florida/Fern Project.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 19, 2011.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 19, 2011. Council Member Parrish abstained due to his absence of the September 19th meeting. Motion carried.

Dr. Keith Hebert – Smithsonian New Harmonies Exhibit

Dr. Keith Hebert was present to inform the council about the Smithsonian New Harmonies Exhibit that will be coming to Bremen in February 2013. The success depends on how well we get the word out. Bremen had to compete for this exhibit. There were 50 cities trying to get it and only 12 were chosen. He stated that we will have to raise funds and we need sponsors now. This exhibit has been a big success in other areas. It will be in Bremen for six weeks. Mr. Hebert stated that there will be more details to come later.

Eric Robinson – Hwy 27 Association (Tourism)

Commissioner Eric Robinson with the Hwy 27 Association was present to give an update on the Hwy 27 Association Tourism. He said that the Association started out with a needs assessment and there were some counties that had no desire for Economic Development. However, Haralson County needed both Economic Development and Tourism. He stated that they currently have money in the bank to fund some small projects. Commissioner Robinson showed a Points Map that was approved at the Hwy 27 Association's last meeting. Businesses will buy spots on this map and it can be viewed on the web.

License Fee Ordinance – Occupational Tax Fees for Insurance Companies

Perry Hicks explained the License Fee Ordinance and stated that this is an ordinance to increase the occupational tax fee for insurance companies by \$10. They currently pay \$40 but would pay \$50 at their 2012 renewals with this ordinance approval.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the License Fee Ordinance as presented by Mr. Hicks.

Motion by Council Member Hightower seconded by Council Member Parrish to approve the License Fee Ordinance as presented by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Revenue Partnership – Sales Tax

Perry Hicks stated that item #9 on the agenda is an Occupational Tax Renewal process as well. This resolution requires the city to collect a sales tax number prior to any business receiving a 2012 Occupational Tax Certificate.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented by Mr. Hicks.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the Department of Revenue Partnership Ordinance as presented by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone had any business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

City Manager, Perry Hicks reminded the Mayor and Council that early voting would begin next week at City Hall.

Steve Muse briefly discussed foreclosed homes and stated his concerns with the yards needing cleaned up. He stated that he does try to contact the banks that have taken the houses back but there is no one that has been able to help with cleaning of yards as of yet.

There was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Parrish to adjourn the regular council meeting. There is no second to the motion required. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.